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I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS. NO GUIDANCE  
REQUIRED.

II. PENDING OR CONTINUING ITEMS

(A) NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC  
AND CONSULAR MISSION IN THE SOVIET UNION. NO FURTHER  
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GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

(B) PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WARSAW PACT. RE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17-18, YOU MAY NOTE THAT WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS SUGGESTING IT WILL RELATE TO MBFR AND CSCE. YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON PCC MEETING AVAILABLE TO ALLIES AND STATE THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY US ANALYSIS OF IT PREPARED FOR USE BY POLADS DURING WEEK OF APRIL 22. OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO WARSAW 1993, PARA 2, IS THAT BEREZOWSKI ARTICLE MAY WELL FORESHADOW PCC EFFORT TO BUILD UP CSCE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AS THE "BASIC DOCUMENT" OF THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD EASTERN POSITION. HOWEVER, WE

DO NOT RPT NOT SEE PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE AT THIS STAGE THAT PCC MEETING WILL PRODUCE STATEMENT LINKING ABOLITION OF THE WARSAW PACT TO SIGNING OF A DOCUMENT ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION AT CSCE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO BEREZOWSKI ARTICLE, NOTING IT MAY PRESAGE PCC MOVE TO ADVANCE HIGH PRIORITY SOVIET OBJECTIVES OF BUILDING UP CSCE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND CONVENING A CSCE SUMMIT, BUT YOU SHOULD AVOID SPECULATION CONTAINED WARSAW 1993, PARA 3.

(C) CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, JULY 1974. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

(D) PREPARATIONS FOR A WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES. YOU MAY DRAW ON BUCHAREST 1406.

III. CSCE: CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES. DESPITE SOMEWHAT SLANTED CONNOTATION OF ITEM ENTITLED "AGREEMENT TO NORWEGIAN FORMULA," WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO REVISED AGENDA (USNATO 1959) AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

IV. CONSULTATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA. YOU MAY AGREE TO MAY 21 AS CONSULTATION DATE. YOU MAY ALSO CONCUR IN THE AGENDA TRANSMITTED NATO 1995, WITH FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS. UNDER ITEM II, DEPARTMENT WOULD QUESTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUSION OF HIGH SEAS REGIME UNDER THE NAVIGATION ISSUE, SINCE HIGH SEAS ALREADY GOVERNED BY ESTABLISHED REGIME WHICH IS NOT AT ISSUE IN LOS CONFERENCE. ITEM SHOULD REFER SIMPLY TO NAVIGATION IN GENERAL.

US EXPERTS ARE TROUBLED BY GREEK REFUSAL TO ALLOW DISCUSSION OF STRAITS ISSUE, WHICH IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF SECURITY. WHILE GREEKS HAVE COSPONSORED

ARTICLE IN UN SEABEDS COMMITTEE WHICH OPPOSES US POSITION,  
THEIR MAIN CONCERN WOULD NATURALLY BE SOVIET NAVY TRANSIT  
OF THE AEGEAN, AND THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSABLE  
IN NATO. REQUEST MISSION SOUND OUT GREEKS AT NATO AS TO  
REASON FOR RELUCTANCE TO EVEN DISCUSS STRAITS, EMPHASIZING  
THAT WHILE WE DO NOT SEEK TO MAKE IT AN ISSUE, IT  
DESERVES DISCUSSION. YOU MAY WISH TO COORDINATE WITH UK,  
FRENCH AND ITALIANS, WHO HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST  
IN DISCUSSING STRAITS. IF GREEKS CONTINUE TO BAR ITEM  
FROM AGENDA, YOU MIGHT ASK WHETHER THEY COULD ACQUIESCE  
IN OUR BRINGING IT UP UNDER ITEM II, NAVIGATION.

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